Increase in women job aspirants

2672. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of women seeking jobs through the employment exchanges has increased over the years; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to provide more placements to women job seekers to encourage educated women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Survey of bonded labourers

2673. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted a district-wise survey of bonded labourers, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of bonded labourers rehabilitated alongwith rehabilitation assistance provided during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for rehabilitation of bonded labourers especially in rural and remote areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No district-wise survey of bonded labourers has recently been conducted by the Government at the Central level. However, since May, 2000 financial assistance of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per district is provided by the Central Government to the State Governments for conducting survey of bonded labourers once in three years in sensitive districts. So far, Central assistance has been provided to various State Governments for conducting survey of bonded labourers in 120 districts.

(c) and (d) The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme since May, 1978 for rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers. The scheme is applicable in all the areas including rural and remote areas of the States and Union Territories. Under the Scheme,

rehabilitation assistance of Rs. 20000/- per freed bonded labour is provided which is shared by the Central and State Governments on 50-50 basis but in the case of seven North Eastern States, 100% Central assistance is provided. Total number of bonded labourers rehabilitated and Central assistance provided during the last three years, year-wise and State- wise is given in Statement enclosed.

Statement

Number of Bonded Labourers rehabilitated and Central assistance released to States for their rehabilitation during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	State	No. of bonded labourers re-habilitated	Amount released
2000-01	Arunachal Pradesh	1576	497.64
	Rajasthan	24	2.40
	Tamil Nadu	3656	365.60
2001-02	Bihar	28	2.80
	Haryana	7	0.40
	Maharashtra	14	0.80
	Karnataka	36	3.60
	Tamil Nadu	3844	384.40
2002-03	Bihar	125	12.50
	Chhattisgarh	124	12.40
	Haryana	21	0.11
	Karnataka	1854	185.40
	Maharashtra	5	0.50
	Punjab	69	6.90

EPF cover to employees in Karnataka

2674. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees, so far, covered under the Employees Provident Fund in Karnataka;